

Some Items to Include in Your Time Capsule

- predictions of the future
- coins
- photographs of your club, school, home, family, pet, friends
- class projects or samples of schoolwork
- trading cards
- certificates or awards
- original artwork or a poem
- souvenir from a community event or party
- grocery store receipt or catalog (to indicate prices of things)
- a copy of *Tar Heel Junior Historian*!

Did you know that the first time capsule, in 1938, was a 7½-foot torpedo?!

THJHA does not recommend that item!

How to Mark Places of Historical Interest

The North Carolina Historical Marker Program was established by the General Assembly in 1935. Requests for historical markers must be properly presented. Citizens requesting markers should submit their requests in writing to the Office of Archives and History and include proper documentary evidence.



A brochure that outlines the necessary procedure is available upon request by writing to the Research Supervisor, Office of Archives and History, Department of Cultural Resources, 4614 Mail Service Center, Raleigh, NC 27699-4614.

Criteria for Approval of Highway Markers

1. All markers are authorized by the Highway Historical Marker Advisory Committee.
2. All markers shall designate places or persons of statewide historical significance.
3. All marker inscriptions are drafted or approved by the advisory committee. The heading or title consists of one or two lines of approximately sixteen letters and spaces to the line; the text is usually not more than five lines of approximately twenty-three letters and spaces each.
4. A waiting period of twenty-five years after death is necessary for the marking of any individual except for governors of North Carolina, federal cabinet members, and United States senators.
5. Churches in the Coastal Plain usually are not marked unless established prior to 1776. Churches in the Piedmont region must date prior to 1800, and in the Mountain region prior to 1820. Similar criteria are applied to schools and academies. In addition, all subjects must be of statewide historical significance.
6. Markers for cemeteries usually are not approved.
7. Sites of former county seats, abandoned courthouses, jails, or post offices usually are not marked.
8. Only the earliest and most important roads and trails will be marked.
9. Marker requests will be rejected when it is impossible to authenticate any alleged information.